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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWELER FROM YOUNG AND MOOSE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW) RH, UK, US

SUBJECT: OWEN-YOUNG MEETING

REF: PRETORIA 4323

1. YOUNG BELIEVES THAT WHAT WE SAY AND DO WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD UNDERSCORE THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP IS FURTHERANCE OF RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. MOREOVER, WE WANT TO KEEP EMPHASIS OF SOUTH AFRICA SEGMENT ON CONCEPT THAT HTIS IS A BRITISH INITIATIVE WHICH WE SUPPORT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE MUST CONFINE OUR VISIT TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND WITH THE SAG. YOU SHOULD DECLINE ON OUR BEHALF WITH DEEP REGRETS ANY REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WITH GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, EXPLAINING PRESSURE OF SCHEDULE AND NECESSITY TO CONFINE OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENTION TO RHODESIA INITIATIVE. EVEN HIGHLY SELECTIVE EXCEPTION TO THIS APPROACH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO HOLD THE LINE ON NUMEROUS OTHER ANTICIPATED REQUESTS.

3. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE IN MIND ONE SLIGHT EXCEPTION TO OUR CONCENTRATION ON RHODESIAN PROBLEM. IW COULD BE USEFUL IF WE HAD CHANCE TO MEET AND TALK TO AS MANY CABINET MEMBERS AS POSSI-

BLE, ESPECIALLY SOME WHO ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED AS VERKRAMTES (E.G., CONNIE MULDER). LUNCH HOSTED BY SAG MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS AND YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THIS TO FOURIE OR BOTHA. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY IDEAS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THIS.

4. AS FOR PRESS, WE WISH TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE. WE REGARD THIS AS PRIMARILY OWEN'S SHOW AND WE SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD TAKE CENTER STAGE AWAY FROM HIM. WE WILL COORDINATE WITH HIS PARTY ON ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLICITY AND LET YOU KNOW IF ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS ARISE.

5. RE ACCOMMODATIONS, WHILE PARTY WOULD PREFER TO STAY TOGETHER, WE SEE DEFINITE ADVANTAGES IN STAYING IN USG QUARTERS. THEREFORE, WE ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE YOUR KIND OFFER TO HOUSE THE FIVE OF US IN THE TWO RESIDENCES.
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